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SUBJECT: MANGOPE AND SAG AGREE ON SOME BOPHUTHATSWANA LAND ISSUES

REF: PRETORIA 3283,

1. SUMMARY: CHIEF MINISTER MANGOPE OF BOPHUTHATSWANA AND THE SAG AGREED JULY 8 ON SOME LAND CONSOLIDATION ISSUES, BUT POSTPONED NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CITIZENSHIP ISSUE PENDING CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT PROPOSALS AND THE REPORT OF LEGAL EXPERTS. END SUMMARY.

2. CHIEF MINISTER LUCAS MANGOPE OF BOPHUTHATSWANA AND BANTU AFFAIRS MINISTER M.C. BOTHA ANNOUNCED JULY 8 THAT THEY HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON SOME OF THE LAND CONSOLIDATION  
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ISSUES BROUGHT UP BY MANGOPE DURING HIS JUNE 27 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER (REFTEL). IN A FORMAL STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER THE TALKS, MANGOPE AND BOTHA SAID THEY HAD AGREED ON THE "POSITION OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF LAND IN THE MORETCL 2, PHOKENG, AND WOLHUTERSKOP AREAS". BUT THEY DID NOT GIVE DETAILS AS TO HOW THE LAND HAD BEEN DIVIDED. THEY SAID THEY HAD AGREED UPON DRAFT PROPOSALS

INTEPRETING THE CITIZENSHIP QUESTION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE STATUS OF BOPHUTHATSWANA ACT. RESUMABLY VORSTER  
AND MONGOPE WILL DISCUSS THESE PROPOSALS, TOGETHER WITH  
THE PENDING REPORTS BY LAGAL ADVISERS, AT A MEETING PLANNED  
BEFORE THE END OF JULY.

3. COMMENT: UNTIL WE KNOW THE NATURE OF THE NEW LAND AGREEMENTS  
AND THE CITIZENSHIP PROPOSALS, WE CANNOT TELL IF  
MANGOPE'S EARLIER OBDURACY AND PUBLIC CRITICISM OF THE SAG CAUSED  
THE LATTER TO BE MORE COMPROMISING. THE RAPIDITY OF THE ANNOUNCED  
AGREEMENTS, HOWEVER, LENDS CREDENCE TO THE BELIEF THAT MANGOPE'S  
PUBLIC CRITICISM WAS POLITICAL POSTURING AND THAT THE SAG IN  
THE LAST ANALYSIS WILL BRING HIM AROUND ON ITS OWN TERMS.  
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